Industry based on agro products in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any proposal to set up any food processing industry in the Central Public Sector based on agro products in Kerala.

Grants to Wakf Boards by Central Government

1136. SHRI P.K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grants are given to the Wakf Boards in States by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the amounts given to Andhra Pradesh Wakf Board during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the grant amount to Andhra Pradesh Wakf Board during 1989-90; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The Central Government provides grant-in-aid to the Central Wakf Council and not to any of the State Wakf Boards.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Central Aid to Voluntary Organisations Functioning in Andhra Pradesh

1137. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organisations functioning in Andhra Pradesh who are getting central aid and also external aid;

(b) since when these voluntary organisations have been functioning;

(c) the main function of each of these voluntary organisations;

(d) the amount of central and external aid received by each of these organisations during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Blind, deaf, dumb and mentally retarded persons in the country

1138. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the number of blind, deaf, dumb, and mentally retarded separately in the country, State-wise, and the total budget earmarked for their welfare schemes for the year 1988-89?

THE DEPUTY MINSTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): A statement is annexed based on a country-wide sample survey on disabled persons conducted during 1981 by National Sample Survey Organisation *[See below]* Mental disability was not covered by this survey.

The primary responsibility for the welfare of the handicapped is with the State Governments. Nevertheless the Government of India in its catalytic role has been assisting the State Govts. as well as voluntary organisations in this regard. In addition, services for early detection and medical treatment are available in hospitals run by the Central Govt. and State Governments. Details of funds allocated for these are not available. However, an amount of Rs. 20.34 crores was earmarked in the budget of Ministry of Welfare for welfare of the handicapped during 1988-89.